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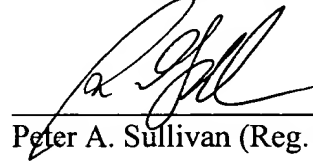
Applicant submits the following concise explanation of the relevance of the Grossi reference in foreign language that is listed in the supplemental IDS:

GROSSI, "Closed Endotracheal Suction System For The Prevention Of Hypoxemia," Rev. Esc. Enfermagem USP, 1995, 29:1 26-33

A review study on the practical aspects of the subject, proving that closed suctioning was more effective than open suctioning in the maintenance of the carbonic gas blood partial pressure (PaCO₂) in most of the patients studied.

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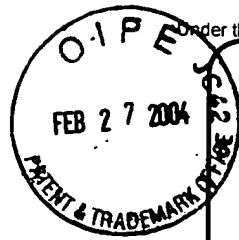
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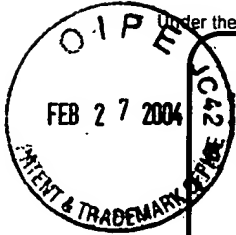
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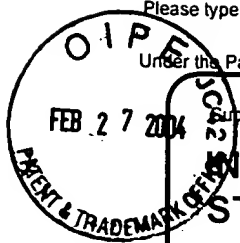
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